

The NCI proposal is a well prepared and presented proposal. Morse Code, CW, needs to be immediately removed as a requirement to earn a FCC Amateur Radio Service License. This action will truly be in the public's convenience, necessity and and interest. With the man made disaster of 09/11/01 more HF qualified operators are needed to support a homeland defense infrastructure.

Those members of the Amateur Radio Service who have worked very hard to develop and maintain their skills should be guaranteed they will have a place to practice and continue to keep their skills current. New hams will still migrate to CW as a place to become a part of the special breed.

Please immediately eliminate the requirement for taking a CW/morse code test for the privilege to access the HF radio band(s).

Respectfully,

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